those involved in smuggling of Indian currency. Close co-operation is maintained between all the agencies concerned in the preservation and detection of smuggling including that of Indian currency.

Smuggling of Indian Tea to Pakistan

♦139. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH;

SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the smuggling of Indian tea t_0 Pakistan has been constantly on the rise despite various measures taken by Government to check it;

(b) if so, what is the estimated quantity (with value) of the Indian tea being annually smuggled away to Pakistan;

(c) what according to the investigation, if any, are the reasons for failure of the measures taken so far to check such smuggling; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) to (c) Available reports and seizures made indicate that the smuggling of Indian tea into Pakistan is on a negligible scale. However, since smuggling is a clandestine activity, it is not feasible to estimate the quantity of tea that is being smuggled annually into Pakistan.

(d) The anti-smuggling drive has bee_n intensified and the anti-smuggling machinery throughout the country particularly in the vulnerable areas of the coastline and the land borders including land borders with Pakistan has been geared up. Close co-ordination is being maintained with all the agencies concerned in th_e prevention and detection of smuggling including the Border Security Force which is deployed on the $Indo\text{-}Pakista_n$ border.

F.C.N.R. deposits In Banks

♦140. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of FCNR deposit accounts with the nationalised banks at present and the amount deposited under this head during the years 1986—88;

(b) what is the amount paid as interest on FCNR deposit so far; and

(c) what is the number of Non-Resident Indians|firms who have been provided loans by the nationalised banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS' IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALERIO): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) No. of F.C.N.R. accounts as on 31-12-88 with nationalised banks :-

	No.	Amount	Outstanding balances
US $	102779	£	3777 Million
		£	464"million
		D.M.	66 million
		Y	734 million